Can life be extended?

Everyone wants to live forever, but is it even possible? Although life could be extended there are drawbacks and consequences for attempting to become immortal. Mice fed with resveratrol, almost a life extension drug, had comparable gene activity as younger mice regarding bone health, heart functioning, and improved coordination. However, since mice generally die from cancer, this drug had no effect to their life. It is as if fate does not want us to help mice, and the consequence is that mice die normally, and we waste resources while attempting to help a creature that fate wants to eliminated. Another drug, rapamycin, an anti-aging drugs may end up in human trials since it had some success with non-humans. However, the consequences include side effects, such as raising blood sugar, canker sores, and increasing the risk of diabetes. Although rapamycin might help us, it is as if the medicine, on balance is not worth it, because it could actually hurt us and can possibly make us die faster. Although life could be extended the consequences are dangerous. People can harm themselves and others when trying to find a way to extend life. Why risk greater harm when the possibility of life extension may not even exist?

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